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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

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DUNLOP COMPANY'S LOSSES.

INQUIRY ORDERED.

DIRECTORS' SALARIES CRITICISED.

LONDON, February 10.

The general meeting of the Dunlop Rubber Company was marked by pungent criticisms of the directors' salaries. The Chairman was confident that there was a prosperous future given revival of trade and if the scope of operations were confined to legitimate limits, although there was a possibility of commodity values falling further. The meeting unanimously passed a resolution that an accountant assisted by a committee of three should enquire into the position of the company.

[A London cable dated February 1 stated: A huge loss of £6,320,000 was disclosed by the Dunlop Rubber Company in their annual report to August 31 last. This is chiefly due to an enormous shrinkage in the market price of stocks of raw material, principally rubber and cotton. The reserve account now stands at £2,750,000.]

CAPE LABOUR DISPUTE.

DYNAMITE EXPLOSIONS.

SEVEN STRIKERS ARRESTED.

JOHANNESBURG, February 9.

One outrage was committed and several were attempted to-day. A police patrol surprised a band of strikers marching towards the magazine of Robins mine in the early morning. Seven of the strikers were arrested. Two were armed with revolvers. There were several violent dynamite explosions, three near the Kleinfontein railway station.

LONDON GOLD MARKET.

GOVERNMENT'S DECISION.

LONDON, February 10.

In the House of Commons, in a written answer, the Chancellor of the Exchequer declares the Government's intention to establish again an unrestricted market for gold in London as early as possible. The question of extent to which the notes are then replaced by gold ultimately depends on the action of the community itself.

SERIOUS INDIAN RIOT.

HINDU TEMPLE DISPUTE.

MADRAS, February 10.

A message from Tranjore states that a serious riot broke out at Tiruvudhurai in which the district superintendent of police was seriously wounded. The deputy magistrate and reserve police were wounded.

The trouble was due to a dispute with regard to succession to a Hindu temple on the death of the priest. Large crowds gathered with the object of obstructing the burial of the priest and refused to break up. The police then fired. Three people in the mob were killed and eight wounded.

INDIAN URGENT.

CITIZENS ORGANISE.

CALCUTTA, February 10.

A meeting of the Calcutta Branch of the European Association passed a resolution urging the Government to support loyal citizens and punish rebels. A citizens' protection league was formed with the object of fighting civil disobedience and other activities of non-cooperators. The committee consists of 84 members, including leading Europeans and Indians.

ITALIAN CABINET CRISIS.

KING REJECTS RESIGNATION.

ROME, February 10.

It is semi-officially reported that the King has not accepted the resignation of the Cabinet which will be in place when Parliament meets on February 16.

[A Rome cable dated February 2 stated: The Cabinet has decided to resign. The resignation is due to loss of support in Parliament, where, owing to hostility to foreign policy and other causes like the alarm of the anti-Clericals at recent actions of the Catholic Ministers on the occasion of the Pope's death, opposition has been growing, culminating in the Social Democrats' numbering 145, joining the Opposition. The crisis may affect the Genoa conference. A section of the Pope has been urging non-cooperation to May on the grounds that this will give time for all the countries to prepare the ground for discussion.]

THE DOLLAR.

To-day's closing rate 2/5 7/8.

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GEDDES COMMITTEE REPORT.

SWEEPING ECONOMIES URGED.

DRASTIC ARMY AND NAVY CUTS.

LONDON, February 10.

The Geddes Committee recommends a reduction of a Minister of Defence to administer the navy, army, and air forces, also reductions of 35,000 in the personnel of the navy, £21,000,000 in the navy estimates (exclusive of any saving due to the Washington Conference), 50,000 in the personnel of the army £20,000,000 in the army estimates, £5,000,000 in the air force, and £16,000,000 in education.

MANY ECONOMIES.

LATER.

The Geddes report further recommends a reduction of £2,500,000 in the Ministry of Health and national health insurance expenses; the appointment of a committee of experts to simplify unemployment insurance and investigate the possibility of abolishing employment exchanges and the Ministry of Labour; a reduction of £3,333,500 in the Ministry of Pensions expenses; and abolition of the Ministry of Transport and the Department of Overseas Trade.

The report concludes that in addition to £75,000,000 reductions recommended by departments themselves the Committee suggests altogether a reduction of £75,000,000.

WEIHAIWEI A LUXURY.

LONDON, February 10.

The Geddes report, referring to Weihaiwei, says that the leasehold is used at present for the purpose of recreation and minor repairs of ships. The annual cost is £25,450. An average of £3 is paid in wages for every pound's worth of material used, compared with £1.10 for every pound's worth paid in private shipyards. Unless costs can be reduced Admiralty work must be sent elsewhere.

ADMIRALTY'S STRONG CRITICISM.

LONDON, February 10.

The first official criticism of the Geddes report comes from the Admiralty. Couched in strong terms it admits the practicability of certain economies which are actually being effected but accuses the Committee of misconceptions leading to impracticable suggestions.

The Admiralty declares that even viewed in the most liberal and unpractical light no more than £14,000,000 of the suggested £21,000,000 could be saved by the Navy, suggesting that the remaining £7,000,000 is merely a figment of imagination. After traversing in detail the Committee's figures, the statement stigmatises the Committee's methods as dangerous when the adequacy of our naval strength is at stake.

"ALACRITY'S" SALE RECOMMENDED.

LATER.

The Geddes report recommends that the special service vessel "Alacrity" now at the disposal of the Commander-in-Chief of the China Squadron should be sold.

AIR MAIL PLANS.

EMPIRE NEEDS.

CHINA'S AMBITIONS.

LONDON, February 10.

The special air conference at the Guildhall has concluded. It passed a resolution calling on the Government immediately to consider the foundation of air mail services throughout the Empire. All the speakers previously emphasised the failure of commercial flying and a number urged the Government to support civil aviation.

Lord Gorrell, Under Secretary for Air, announced the formation of a civil aviation advisory board to consider the practicability of an imperial air mail service.

Mr. Chu made an interesting contribution to the discussions. He foreshadowed the extensive development of air mails in China as a re-orientation of lack of railways and shifting river beds. He cited as an instance the Peking-Tientsin service, which is shortly being extended to Shanghai and declared that China is equally interested in the extension of external services and improving communications with the outside world which are generally painfully tardy to the detriment of the country's trade.

Mr. Chu welcomed the London-Paris service as the beginning in the shortening of British and Chinese mail exchanges and expressed the opinion that the time is bound to come when this will be extended to the majority of journeys eastwards. He promised by that time China's air post would cover the whole country.

BIG WAIGH BRIDGE ORDER.

CHINESE CONTRACT FOR BRITISH FIRM.

LONDON, February 10.

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The Ellerman Line s.s. "City of Simla" is due to arrive here at noon tomorrow (Saturday).

The Ellerman Line s.s. "City of Simla" left Singapore on Feb. 6 and is due to arrive here on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 11.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Maru" (European Line) left Kobe for Hongkong via Moji and Shanghai on Feb. 1 and is expected here on Feb. 10 and will sail for Europe via Singapore on Feb. 11 at 11 a.m.

The s.s. "Agapenor" (Blue Funnel Line) left Singapore on Feb. 5 (noon) for Hongkong and is due here on Feb. 11.

The P. & O. s.s. "Dacca" left Bombay on Jan. 27 and is expected to arrive at Hongkong about Feb. 12.

The Dredge Castle Line s.s. "Dacca Castle" which sailed from New York on Dec. 1 for the Far East via Panama Canal, arrived at Yokohama on Jan. 18 and is expected here about Feb. 12.

The P. & O. s.s. "Kalyan" left Singapore for this port on Feb. 7 at 2 p.m. with the outward English mails, and is due here on Feb. 12 at about 6 a.m.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Calcutta Maru" (Calcutta Line) left Singapore for Hongkong on Feb. 4 and is expected here on Feb. 12.

The C. M. s.s. "China" will sail for San Francisco via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Yokohama and Honolulu on Tuesday, Feb. 14 at daylight. Passengers are requested to be on board by midnight on Monday, Feb. 13.

The P. & O. s.s. "Golden State" sailed from Shanghai on Feb. 5 for Hongkong via Manila and is due here on Feb. 13.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Awa Maru" (Hankow Line) left Singapore for Hongkong on Feb. 8 and is expected here on Feb. 13.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Tottori Maru" (Hankow Line) left Singapore for Hongkong on Feb. 8 and is expected here on Feb. 13.

The C.P. & M.S. s.s. "Empress of Asia" left Vancouver for Hongkong via Japan ports, Shanghai and Manila, on Feb. 2 and is due here on or about Feb. 24.

The vessel is due at Yokohama on Feb. 14.

The T.K.K. s.s. "Korea Maru" arrived at Yokohama on Jan. 30 and sails Feb. 2 via Shanghai and Manila, being due at Hongkong Feb. 15.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Tango Maru" (Australian Line) left Sydney for Hongkong via ports on Jan. 28 and is expected here on Feb. 16.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Ise Maru" (European Line) left London for Hongkong via ports on Jan. 7 and is expected here on Feb. 16.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Kittano Maru" (European Line) left Kobe for Hongkong via Moji and Shanghai on Feb. 7, is expected here on Feb. 16 and will sail for Europe via Singapore on Feb. 17 at 11 a.m.

The T.K.K. s.s. "Ginga Maru" arrived at Yokohama on Feb. 2 and sails on Feb. 6 being due at Hongkong on Feb. 19.

The P. & O. s.s. "Devania" left London on Jan. 20 and is expected to arrive at Hongkong on Feb. 27.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Atsuta Maru" (European Line) left London for Hongkong via ports on Jan. 21 and is expected here on March 1.

The P. & O. s.s. "Savona" left London on Feb. 2 and is expected to arrive at Hongkong about March 11.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Shidzuka Maru" (European Line) left London for Hongkong via ports on Feb. 4 and is expected here on March 11.

The s.s. "Tahiti" which sailed from Liverpool on Jan. 20 for ports to the Far East is expected in Hongkong in the beginning of March.

The Dodwell Castle Line s.s. "Bolton Castle" sailed from New York on Jan. 8 for ports to the Far East via Panama, and is expected here in the beginning of March.

The Dodwell Castle Line s.s. "Kerdal Castle" sailed from New York via Boston for the Far East on Jan. 25 and is expected here early in April.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

Cargo from the s.s. "Fushimi Maru" not cleared by Feb. 14 will be subject to rent. Agents: Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

Part of the Hongkong cargo per the East Asiatic Co. steamer "Atika" has been landed here. The balance is being taken to Shanghai and will be returned when conditions here permit. Agents: Manners and Backhouse, Ltd.

Hongkong cargo per the Ben Line steamer "Humboldt" is being landed at Singapore and will be forwarded as soon as conditions permit. Agents: Gibb, Livingston & Co., Ltd.

Hongkong cargo per the Ben Line steamer "Donau" is being landed at Shanghai whence it will be returned to Hongkong when conditions here permit. Agents: Gibb, Livingston & Co., Ltd.

Hongkong cargo per East Asiatic Co. steamer "Kina" (Agents: Manners and Backhouse, Ltd.) and the American and Oriental Line steamer "Ocean Monarch" (Agents: the Ben Line, Ltd.) will be discharged at Shanghai and returned to Hongkong immediately conditions here permit.

Hongkong cargo per the Columbia Pacific Shipping Company's steamer "West Cayote" will be landed at Shanghai but will be returned back to Hongkong immediately conditions at this port become normal. Agents: Butterfield and Swire.

Hongkong cargo per the s.s. "Pyrrhus" will be landed at Shanghai but will be brought back to Hongkong immediately conditions at this port become normal. Agents: Butterfield and Swire.

Hongkong cargo per the Lloyd Triestino steamer "Tracia" will probably be carried on to Shanghai and landed at the port. Any cargo over-landed will be returned to Hongkong immediately conditions become normal.

Hongkong cargo per the N.Y.K. s.s. "Tottori Maru" and "Kittano Maru" will be landed at Singapore and returned to this port as soon as conditions become normal here.

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In Nancy's garden there was a larch tree which did this.

One day in the spring Nancy was playing outside with her hoop. It was so windy that the hoop fairly flew along and she had to run as hard as she could to keep up with it. And then—crash—it ran into the larch tree which was at one corner of the lawn.

Nancy looked up and saw that the little tree was bending about, up and down and then suddenly its long slender branches were bunched up together, pointing right down the valley.

"I am sure the larch wants to show me something," thought Nancy, "perhaps my hoop will take me there and then I can see what it is."

She gave her hoop a push and along it went, all the time faster and faster until they came to the end of the path. Then it dived between the bushes and Nancy had to get down on her hands and knees to scramble after it. Now you might have thought that the hoop would become tangled up in the bushes but no, on it went, in and out as if it knew where it was going and nothing would stop it. By this time Nancy was getting really excited.

"It must be a fairy hoop," she said to herself, "Oh I do hope that I can keep up with it!" For by this time she was rather out of breath.

However a few minutes afterwards it slipped between some bushy trees and Nancy came upon a grassy glade with high rocks all round. And on the top of one of the rocks was perched a shining white castle.

There were some steps leading up to it, cut in the rocks and the hoop was bouncing up these. Nancy climbed up and when they reached the big open door at the top the hoop fell to one side and she walked in.

It was the queerest place imaginable! Lights were flashing backwards and forwards, blown here and there by gusts of wind.

There was only the one big room and it was crowded with white clad fairies, whirling wildly round. It made Nancy almost giddy to watch them only it did not last more than a couple of minutes. For with a loud cry all the fairies flew up into the air and out through the hundreds of windows which were let into the walls of the huge hall—and then there was silence.

Nancy thought that she was alone but when she looked round she saw some tiny people who looked exactly like bits of the larch tree, only they had heads and hands and feet. They were carrying rushes with which they stroked the floor and when one came near her Nancy asked her "Please can you tell me where I am and what is going to happen next?"

"This is the hall of the Storm Fiends," answered the larch fairy, going on with her work all the time. "And when they rush out into the stormy night the Zephyr Breezes come here to dance and rest. The Larch Queen, who lives in your garden, thought that you might like to see the dance. Come with me and I will find you a seat."

And she led Nancy to a bark chair in one corner and left her there.

The hall was soon prepared. Nancy heard soft music in the distance and a number of little fairies came flying in through the windows and the door. They were dressed in soft shades of blue and green and sang with the sweetest voices.

Then began the dance and although it was not loud and noisy like that of the Storm Fiends it was just as fast. Nancy's eyelids began to droop as she watched it and the next thing that she knew was that she was back in her own garden sitting under the larch tree with her hoop by her side on the ground.

Often and often she looked for the castle of the Storm Fiends but, although she came across the glassy glade in the midst of high rocks, the castle had vanished.

PETER PAN.

In this story of the Storm Fiends you can imagine that any Storm Fairies would be noisy and blustering, just as on a rough day the wind howls round the house and blows in great gusts up the valleys and the big breakers come dashing into the shore.

But Zephyr Fairies would naturally be gentler and quieter. Zephyr, according to mythology (which you know is a legend or invented story of many years ago), was the gentle west wind. When he breathed it is said that flowers and fruit sprang up around him and in pictures he is shown as a young man with two wings on his shoulders and his head is covered with all kinds of flowers. He married Flora, the goddess of flowers and gardens and he gave her the gift of perpetual youth. If you see pictures of her she too is crowned with flowers and holds in her hand the horn of plenty.

What river runs between seas? The Thames, which flows between Chelsea and Battersea.

CHURCH NOTICES.

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SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY.

Holy Communion at 7.30 a.m.

Matins 11 a.m.

Responses, Psalms, Venite, No. 9.

Psalms 104; To Doem; 10. 5. 5.

Benedictus, No. 14. Anthem: "Hearken unto me ye people."

Gillian; Hymn: 83.

Litanies (19 noon).

Evening (8 p.m.).

Responses, Psalms, 147, 148.

(South Edition); Ma niffat, No. 1.

Tertius, Nolle; No. 6. Dimittis: Barnby; Hymn: 875, 228, 24.

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WINSTON RECOVERS SANITY.

To a gathering of London bankers Mr. Churchill said that "upon the subject of Reparations he was delighted to see the steady, remorseless march of statesmen of all countries during the last few months towards financial sanity."

Some of us spared ourselves the hardships of this march by not joining the blind leaders of the blind in their steady, remorseless march away from sanity three years ago. And these all-weather friends of sanity would be scarcely human if they could now suppress a smile at the unctious with which Mr. Churchill, still a little breathless from the double journey, rebukes "not only electioneering politicians but grave financiers and august members of the judiciary who had been speaking nonsensical froth about extracting twenty thousand millions from Germany."

Sanity, however, will turn none of her prodigal sons from the door, and a great deal more credit is due to Mr. Churchill and to any other politician who confesses now to having had something to learn than to those who would make their country go on paying the expenses of their blunders rather than own up and try to start afresh.

Manchester Guardian.

A MILD REMONSTRANCE.

[On being splashed from top to bottom by a motor lorry.]

For one wild moment all was red, And I was mud from toe to head; Then, as I scraped myself, I said:—

"O driver and that stoker pup, Who filled for me this bitter cup, I hope your beastly thing blows up!

I hope you get a skid that wrecks The whole machine and clears the decks: I hope you break your wicked necks!

"I hope that vengeance, stern and just, May fall on all concerned; I trust The firm that owns the thing goes bust."

"I hope its trade is dead as dead, I hope that bankruptcy's ahead; I hope its chairman begs his bread!"

"I also hope the fates may bring Within this ruin's widening ring The firm that made and sold the thing, Its owners, shareholders, too; I hate them all, I do, I do!"

"And nothing, nothing, had can be Too bad in any small degree For those who splashed this mud on me!"

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DEATHS.

BLAND.—On February 1, 1922, at Newchang, Robert Bland, Chinese Maritime Customs Service, aged 43 years, born in Dublin, Ireland.
MAHER.—On February 4, 1922, at Shanghai, Domingos Jose Maher, aged 62 years.

The China Mail.

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SHANGHAI, SATURDAY, FEB. 11, 1922.

ADVERSARIA.

Although well aware that labels, some knowledge of the principles of logic will save men from the wrong inferences and conclusions to which they are prone—and to that extent belittlement of logic is to be deprecated—I am constantly annoyed by the occurrence of these common human errors in logic and in men who ought to know better. It is annoying for the same reason that sin by a parson is a shock to the lay sinner. I am annoyed when I catch myself doing it, and the frequency of this annoyance has suggested to me the thought that error in logic is a shock to the lay sinner. I am annoyed when I catch myself doing it, and the frequency of this annoyance has suggested to me the thought that error in logic is a shock to the lay sinner. I am annoyed when I catch myself doing it, and the frequency of this annoyance has suggested to me the thought that error in logic is a shock to the lay sinner.

thought before. The source of error in those who should know better, that is to say, in logicians, rationalists, and scientific philosophers generally, is a bad habit of trusting to labels. Argumentative men who do not first agree on definitions of terms talk foolishly, with the result that involves *proterea nihil*. But I see more and more clearly the more I think that defined terms are themselves will of the wisps; and that the logician who fails to obey the searing maxim, "one hand for the owner and one for yourself," is bound to drown in a sea of nonsense. He must keep in touch with what is called commonsense. Sometime ago I debated at length the nonsense of talking of Analysis and Synthesis as if they were antithetical. My reading last week confronted me with a contrast of Rationalism and Empiricism. How reason without experience? How experience without reason? The labels are misleading.

Logicians nowadays have lost their old sausages, idolatry for the syllogism, not merely because J. S. Mill showed its inherent triviality, nor because of the long recognized fact that its essential feature depends on illogicality, but also because later study has discovered many instances of valid inference that could not be stated syllogistically.

A is B
C likes A
Therefore C likes B
That is not a syllogism, though it may superficially resemble one. It is quite sound and true, in logic, just as some things may be true in mathematics but not in fact. Wherever logic or mathematics threaten us with a fall, we are feeling for the owner in a fall. We must remember to cling tight with the one hand for ourselves. Let us translate the ABC proposition into something commonsensical and check.

Sausages are helpless things
Smith devours sausages
Therefore Smith devours helpless things.
This, if not a label, is unfair to Smith to the extent of its suggestio falsi, which will be as sweeping as the imaginations of its readers. Do not forget that the purpose of logic is to reverse this process—that is, for logical men to take all assertions in practical life, and to test them by reducing them to the A. B. C. formula. For instance, it is written that Brown slew a defenceless creature, the circumstances being given. The logician will classify those circumstances and dub them A. B. C. and by repeating our first formula find it demonstrated that the assertion about Brown is true. In A. B. C. it will look all right, and be unanswerable. But in words it will go like this:

Lambs are defenceless creatures.
Butchers slay lambs.
Brown is a butcher.

Therefore Brown slays defenceless creatures. Here it is easy for commonsense to notice that all defenceless creatures are not lambs, and that Brown, for instance, although a butcher, does not slay babies. But (this is the point) in the formula it is easier to overlook factors, and it is fatally easier to imagine that you have advanced a step in learning where you have made no real advance at all. "Things that are equal to the same thing are equal to each other." This is said to be a purely rational axiom, nothing empiric about it. It can be stated this way:

A equals C
B equals C
Therefore A equals B.

It can also be stated in this way:
A pound of cheese equals a pound of butter.

A pound of sugar equals a pound of butter.

Therefore a pound of sugar equals a pound of cheese.

But what have we learned? Empirically, if we desired to learn the relationship of sugar and cheese, we would not buy butter at all. We would save time and energy by comparing the two things at once. We have, or should have, learned this, that the A. B. C. formula contains concealed dangers, since commonsense knows that a pound of sugar does not equal a pound of cheese save in the one factor of weight. All thinking means the perception of differences and resemblances, and in classifying the idea according to the preponderance of either. The weight is the only similarity (ignoring edibility, etc) between a pound of cheese and a pound of sugar, whereas there are numerous differences. Therefore A does not equal B, any more than two matches and two tram-tickets equal four match-tickets or four tram-matches. It is also worth while to observe that all that the formula really said was:

A pound is a pound
A pound is a pound

Therefore a pound is a pound. When you have learned that much, you will be surprised to find how much pointed wisdom resolves itself into the same damnable iteration.

Having professed to demonstrate the danger of labels, let me now illustrate my notorious thesis that we are also too easily misled by words. I was startled to find in Dr. C. A. Merz's "Psychology Normal and Morbid" that he holds that a certain classic formula is not a true syllogism at all.

All men are mortal
Socrates is a man
Therefore Socrates is mortal.

Discussing the complaint that all syllogisms are vitiated by the intrusion of the *petitio principii* in the major premise, he says it is "founded upon the analysis of an argument (that one) which is not a syllogism at all. It is like the complaint about the badness of the tea. 'No,' said the responsible officer, 'no, I admit that it is not good tea; but it is very passable coffee.' Dr. Merz submits what he believes to be a better and truer syllogism. He hears of an earthquake in Selangor. He desires to know what continent it is in. A geography book tells him that Selangor is in Malacca. (Some geography books are like that.) He knows that Malacca is in Asia. So he reasons this way:

Selangor is included in Malacca
Malacca is included in Asia
Therefore Selangor is in Asia

"At once," he says, "by a true syllogism, I conclude that it is in Asia." Tut-tut. What has he done to the classic one to improve it? Do not let the change of names delude us. If we translate Socrates and Selangor etc. into symbols, we will find that he has merely changed the order of his premises. Thus:

Socrates is included in all men
All men are included in mortality.
Therefore Socrates is in mortality.
He says there is no *petitio principii* in his form. "The conclusion is, of course, contained in the premises; but it is not, as in the case of So-

crates, contained in the major premise alone. The conclusion is not a mere repetition of part of the major premise. It is a real addition to my knowledge." The "addition" of knowledge he sought was the name of the continent in which the Selangor earthquake occurred, and the coupling by which he found it was really unnecessary: if the geography book had been more truthful and explicit, and had said right off that Selangor was in Asia, instead of in something he knew to be a part of Asia. This coupling was analogous to the couplings in the Socrates example. Socrates being in All Men, and all men in Mortality, Socrates was also in mortality—which is Dr. Merz's "true syllogism" repeated identically. Inverting the order of the same premises cannot have removed the *petitio principii*. If "All men are mortal" begs the question, then "Malacca is in Asia" must do so too, if both can be expressed thus:

A is included in B
B is included in C
Therefore A is included in C.

Commonsense tells us that a geography book which describes Selangor as included in Malacca does not amount to proof; and commonsense tells us that the classic syllogism proves nothing either. Even if all men up to Socrates have been mortal, this is no proof that Socrates will die. There is no possible proof of that but his death. That is to say, if you can follow me, I consider that since it is about the mortality of Socrates that we profess ignorance while we profess knowledge of "all men," we have no right to include Socrates in all men. If we know all men we know Soc, and need not ask conundrums about him. If we don't, the premise is a guess. Until we prove his mortality we do not prove his manhood, and therefore we beg the question when we say Socrates is a man. All we know of Socrates is that in all respects save one he looks like a man. Until the correspondence in that one respect is established, we must not assert that he is a man, but that he is anthropoid. Commonsense gives us another and a more satisfactory point of view. I am trying to show that logic is not commonsense, and certainly not superior to it as a road to knowing. Yet, because commonsense is less common than its name suggests, I can see how some methods of logic would serve it and contribute to its growth and strength and improvement. In effect, I am suggesting that the only value of logic is as a solvent rather than a solver. It can show when pseudo-commonsense is not commonsense at all, but nonsense. And for that, the scornful word "empiricism" names a still better teacher. Yet the best teacher is not perfect, and may lead around a vicious circle such as Fabre's caterpillars travelled. Experience taught men that the world was flat and that the sun crossed it. More experience taught them otherwise, and the eventual lesson of experience is that you never can tell. As logic professes to tell, and telling is impossible, it is a liar. So is commonsense. So is experience. So are all men. And so am I. It is enough to make a man break out in a cold sweat.

The name of the second pony mentioned in the Race Programme just out is "Adversariat." I have, of course, absolutely no bias or prejudice in its favour, far from it; but I advise sportsmen to keep their eye on it. It is sure of a Place. I see that Wednesday's *China Mail* referred to a certain gentleman as an "education expert." There exists no such thing. It is a meaningless expression, like "expert in happiness," or "expert in believing." Every man I meet seems to fancy he has the best ideas on education; but no one really understands the subject except myself.

To use an expression made familiar by a periodical which in no way resembles the *China Mail*, "I take off my hat to" any new club member who takes an enthusiastic and active interest in the organization he has joined. Some club members are so lazy. They leave everything to the committee. My hat! I hear of a new member of the Kowloon Golf Club setting a good example in this respect. The very first day he went on the links he saw that they ought to be lower down, and he started right away to shift them. He is a stickler too. At the rate he is going, other members tell me he should have them entirely transferred before howlers have had time to grow out of fashion.

Man on the tram told me that when he cannot sleep in bed he extracts square roots. Some men, I hear, count imaginary sheep. As for me, I play about with fallacies, trying to recall those that have fooled really clever thinkers. Words are names of things and names of thoughts of things, never things. When words are treated as things, they breed other words, which delude thinkers.

The word "space" is the name for a thought of nothing, and it really means nothing. Infinite space means infinite nothing, which is a meaningless way of saying very extensive nothing, which is absurd, nothing having no extension. "Seven yards of nothing" would make you laugh, but you keep a straight face for infinite space. Time is to space what energy is to extension. It is not the name of a thing. It is a name of a thought of a no thing between things, of no events between events. After the last event has happened and there is none to come, time is not. Consequently eternity is a name for a thought which, analysed, means infinite nothing, which is the same as an uncountable number of yards of nothing. Time ... Eh? Feeling sleepy? Well, I don't blame you. That is just about where I dropped off myself last night.

Local business man approached me smiling and asked me if I had noticed how a certain newspaper had said at the beginning of the strike that the Government should not interfere, and then, lately, had said that the Government should have intervened sooner. Seemed to think I'd jump at the chance to score off them. He doesn't understand. If they had given foolish reasons for their first conclusion, or foolish reasons for their later one, I would likely have said so. It is hum arguments that I don't like. Inconsistency never shocks me. I regard it as a symptom of an active intelligence. A wise man often does change his mind. Those who don't have no mind to change. The propositions that the Government should not intervene and that it should have intervened sooner might both be quite sound. Relations are liable to change. I may more or less justly opine on Monday that Smith should not attend Tuesday's jamboree, thinking that his mother has just died, but if I learn on Wednesday that she is still alive and well, I may dub him a killjoy for refusing to join in a similar skite for Thursday.

People do appear alive and well who are reported dead. We had that case last week. It wasn't the *China Mail's* fault, and we had nothing to retract. We reported that a letter had been received in the Colony saying that a certain gentleman was dead. That was true. It was the letter that was false. Any newspaper that took our news item without acknowledgment, and disguised the theft by altering it to a statement that the man was murdered, is in a different position. The news: "A letter says X was murdered" was true, and needs no apology. The statement: "X was murdered" was untrue, and needs an explanation difficult to give in the circumstances.

I was the "victim," if you call it so, of a similar report years ago at Home. It was extensively rumoured that I had cut my throat, and a newspaper said so. Said that it was rumoured. I couldn't contradict it, for I had heard the rumour myself. I heard it discussed by two men outside my window.

"That's where the poor—lodged" said one.

And "I wonder who'll get his job" said the other.

I threw up the sash, on hearing this very natural and human speculation, and said that I was seriously thinking of applying for it myself. Quer things faces—in strong emotion. I shall never forget the faces of those two men. They were common men, by which I mean they belonged to that intellectual status the members of which are never quite sure that they do not believe in ghosts.

So long as a man believes something, he is better off than a man of no belief.

To be out in life without a sustaining belief must be like being out in the rain without an umbrella or a raincoat. So far I'm willing to shut up and let the various preachers of useful beliefs carry on with their job in peace. But they really must not make, and allow, to be published, untrue statements that have been refuted over and over again. I see in one of the papers a reported sermon which said: "Some religions expressly sanction slavery. Abolition is due to Christianity." Hearty says the contrary. Individuals like Christians like Wilberforce and Clarkson have had their names identified with anti-slavery agitation, but so have free-thinkers like Emerson, J. S. Mill, Monro Conway, and Tom Paine. For many centuries organized Christianity defended slavery, justified it by quoting the Bible, and even profited materially by owning slaves. In Moley's "Life of Gladstone" you may read how the same John Gladstone who told Sir Robert Peel that Providence permitted slavery received, in 1833 upwards of £70,000 "compensation" for 1000 slaves. "Pagan" writers had lots of senti-

ments about slavery, and though they kept their history says they allowed them more liberty than the Church did. St. Augustine wrote that slavery was the fulfilment of a divine curse. G. C. Coulton, "Social Life in Britain," says "St. Gregory the Great, in a letter often quoted by apologists, wrote in words of lofty generosity concerning two slaves whom he was setting free, but we must remember also that Gregory's papal estates were filled by thousands of others whom he never attempted to liberate; and in a later letter we find him actually exerting himself to cover a slave of his own brother who had escaped." In the latter half of the XIV century John Trevisa, a Fellow of Exeter college, Oxford, gives a picture of English Church slavery (as regards female serfs) very like that drawn by Balzac for France. As late as 1606 there was slavery in Scotland, and there is no evidence in much documentation of the period to show the Scottish clergy offered any protest. (See J. M. Robertson's "Perversion of Scotland.") As for negro slavery, I supposed that all must know that Christianity supported it, and defended it. By a strange irony the first slaving vessel on the West Coast (1564) was named the *Jesus*, and sailed off to kidnap free negroes with full ecclesiastical blessings! All the Christian governments recognized negro slavery, and humanitarians who protested were told that these negroes were descendants of Ham—a legend revived recently, you will remember, by my learned friend Mr. Tse Tsan Tai. West's "Origin and Development of the Moral Idea" shows that clergymen and missionaries were slave-owners, and that churches were supported from slave property. So far as abolition is concerned, it was France that set the example, and that same revolutionary France, let me emphasise, that was spoken of by good Christian citizens as they were lately talking of Russia. "Infidels" was one name for the French Revolutionists who abolished slavery in 1794. In the same year our own House of Lords (crammed with Christian bishops) threw out a much milder abolition Bill. Wilberforce himself said: "What would some future historian say in describing two great nations—the one accused of promoting anarchy and confusion, the other contending for religion, morality, and justice, yet obstinately continuing a system of cruelty and injustice?"

Well gentlemen! Wilberforce's question is answered. Two "historians," the preacher and Adversariat, have answered it, and answered it differently. Which do you believe? Slavery in America is the most recent, the one most people know about. Christianity fought for it. The abolitionists were largely free-thinking humanitarians. Mr. Lamon, biographer of Lincoln, shows that though a very religious man, he was not a Christian. He himself wrote an attack upon Christianity. What he did for the slaves we know. It would not be fair to call that Christian monarch George III a Christian, although he was defender of the Faith etc. Buckle (History of Civilization) cites a letter of his to the Governor of Virginia which shows what he felt about slavery. If the preacher insists on claiming Lincoln as a Christian, he must take George III also. I think the mental process by which such unhistoric claims get made must be something like this:

Slavery is unchristian.
Opposition to slavery is a Christian virtue.
Therefore slavery was abolished by Christianity.

This would be bad if it had ever been true that anti-slavery was an exclusively Christian virtue, which is not claimed. It is worse when we know that it is a newly acquired virtue for them.

A man confided to a friend that he thought I would have looked different. He had imagined the author of this abominable hodgepodge to be a sort of Father Christmas figure, of Polesian proportions, with a tubercled, jovial countenance, and a cigar perpetually projecting from it. He looked at the real me, and said it was impossible to think of me as one who would drink beer, or be seen in Bessie's. The cigar part was beaten; but I see where the rest of the difficulties come in. My elegant, graceful figure, with its scholarly stoop—my refined, spiritual face—my noble carriage and aristocratic bearing, have often caused me to be mistaken for an Anglican bishop. Only the other day, when I dropped in to get a pound of butter cheap and a motor-car ride for nothing, Teggart said: "Have a cigar, my Lord!" If he, who has known me ever since the year when Bill Bailey came home, could make a mistake like that, I can understand this bird

not fully believing me to be the notorious person now addressing you. But there you are. We've all got to endure the furies that belong to us—all, that is, except the ladies. And if you think I'm going to give away their secrets bless 'em, you're jolly well mistaken. Why, I hear that some of you who read me are not even married yet.

I met Satan on Tuesday. All I met adages to the contrary, he was very black. But very gentlemanly and friendly. In fact, as good a wonk as I've patted for a long time. There was plenty of chow in this Mess, and the Strike had nothing to do with my visit there, but as I came away on the tram my head was full of notions about dogs and strikes and poverty. Why do poor women who keep a cat secretly hate the dog their man keeps? At one moment I was tracing it back to Adam who kept the first dog. Eve would want one too, and this would not meet his idea of maintaining his overlordship. Perhaps he offered her the cat as a compromise. Now every manly man instinctively craves a dog and a weapon, and a cat is the emblematic bird of home and domesticity. But then I went deeper. Woman is the economist, first, last, and always. A dog eats a lot, and does very little to deserve it, whereas a cat actually saves food from the depredations of vermin. It was then I saw with a flash what my mind was busy with, trying to lead me back to a strike of long ago, in the dear Home land, so to speak.

The man of the house in which I lodged REMINISCE came out on strike. He did not "hold with" the strikers, he told me, but "a man must stand by his mates." He was certainly not a lazy man, and he was no sponger. As the strike dragged on, they grew worse off, and were practically living on my small contribution, letting the rent get in arrears. His skinny little wife was fiercely proud, and perhaps I was tactless. I was young then. Anyway, she rebuffed my first attempt to enrich the larder. There were two youngsters, of whom I was fond. She could not forbid them coming into my room, nor my giving them extra things to eat when they came, but she sternly ordered her husband to accept nothing from me. She would manage. They were not beggars yet. Presently I found the husband was not smoking. To me, deprivation of tobacco was worse than hunger (which I know all about) and I tried to help him there. He would smoke in my room, as my guest, my tobacco, as any man might, but he would take neither money nor tobacco as gift or loan. I am not telling it right if you think of either of them as ungracious or rude. We remained excellent friends. Finally I hit upon the expedient of hiring him to row me up and down the lake. "trolling" for a pike, thinking that the few shillings I paid would let him have his usual tobacco with a clear conscience. But he handed it intact to the little missus. A fine man, he was; simple, but good. I hunted them up years after, and found them. The baby, now a comely young woman, made tea for me. The boy, however, had grown up to die in the beastly Boer war. The parents talked of the old times, and the faded little woman said she had often wondered how they would have managed if I had not been there. I am quite sure she'd have managed, even without my fifteen bob a week plus the few bob I paid Jim. What has all this to do with ...? Why, of course, I'm coming to that. Right through the long strike, pinched as they were, Jim clung to the possession of a big black retriever he had. And I recall how Mrs. Jim used to glare at that dog when it was eating. That's all. And the black dog at "John O' Groats" had reminded me, somehow, subconsciously, of these things.

I am so glad to find that someone agrees with me about our local scenery; that it is good enough to deserve large and pompous adjectives. There are days when I want to make poems about it, roaring rampagous poems full of allusions, and rhymes to ring like trumpets, and a great blaze of burning language to show how little I feel in the midst of this greatness; and of course I do not make these poems because I cannot, but only feel them. But Mr. John C. Griggs of the Canton Christian College might, if he tried, seeing that this is what he says in prose:

"Hongkong is an apocalyptic revelation, its towering Peak trailing the glory of supernatural vistas down along slopes of jolliness to a harbour and islands unexampled."

It's just as he says, the bloke that stood upon a peak in Darien had nothing on us so far as magic elements are concerned, and laetia seas forlorn. No, Sir.

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ADVERSARIA.

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SWANK According to a London correspondent, Parliament and the Colonial Office is now studying a pamphlet which contains an article quoted from the *China Mail*. Copies went to the House of Lords too, but there was no word from their lordships at the time of writing.

I would have you, if you talking of please think of curious scenes like these. The Prince of Wales he seldom sees places normal, at their ease. See them ever through a frieze of fluttering flags and wilting trees, crowded like a dog with insects. Places much alike as peas, Ceremonies such a tease, Social claims for social fees, Striving such as disagrees With a man who knows what's cheese, Sympathetic he and she, Private Secs. and A. D. C's. Meekly kneeling on your knees. I would have you, if you please, Powder curious things like these.

Some people have said that I "pitch it too strong" at times when I am complimenting my contemporaries by taking notice of their literary efforts. They should be thankful "it's only me." Here are extracts from a leading article down South. "That wretched fustian was written either by a fool or a knave, probably by some soured and superannuated scribe who is a combination of both." "Such of the—'s leaders as an educated person can read without discomfort are not written by this illiterate oaf." "A frigid and calculated lie." "The idea conveyed in the heavy and laboured sentences we have quoted is one that would occur only to the benighted mind of a decayed printer."

I wish that fellow lived here, and worked on a Hongkong paper. Then you'd see fur fly. Reminds me of old times in Japan, when life was really amusing, and no one was a penny the worse for it. Heavens! How we used to "go for" each other up there, and how the dear public enjoyed it. They were always expecting us to get to the stage of actual fistfuffs, not knowing that some of us were in the habit of meeting at night and arranging these virulent attacks in the most loving manner. There's none of that here. Local newspapermen are such perfect little gentlemen that they shrink from even a sham fight, and as for real ones, they'd faint at the bare idea. Makes me want to go out and hit a policeman sometimes just to live things up. But every time I've hit a policeman here his behaviour has been most disappointing. He has merely laughed, and told me to put more water in it. What can you do with big, goodnatured bullockers like that?

I'm telling you, this state of things is making me desperate. The taipans are all good now; some of them eat out of my hand. The government officials are actually working. Working, mind you. The other newspapers keep on writing the same discreet and sober foolishness that a body cannot attack without appearing wanton. I'm fed up with politics. The *Sweeties* isn't out yet. I'm at my wit's end, as the saying is, for somebody to pitch into. Please, please won't someone get up in public and say there are too many eggstains on my weikist, or that the *China Mail* isn't the best and liveliest newspaper on the island, or anything—anything to give me a chance to escape sleeping sickness. I know what's the matter with Hongkong. It's getting too darned respectable, too full of prunes and prisms.

I know more than one classic story illustrating how people may get what they pray for and then not like it. I will not tell them, because to let my tremendous erudition have full play would look like swank, and I never, or hardly ever, am guilty of that. But I cannot help being the wisest man in the Far East, can I, so long as you others don't buck up? Anyway, I finished that last paragraph, and then went and ate as nice a bit of beef as I ever saw, nicely cooked, with onions. There was a really white celery with the cheese, and a pint of Canteen good enough to make the heartiest of Frenchman sing the Marseillaise. And then, turning over a pile of *China Mail* I caught sight in Tuesday's of the Social Swim stuff, and of my name in it. I was embarrassed. Here was somebody "asking for it," but that somebody—a woman. I was born a gentleman, and with occasional lapses, I have stuck to the business. I have discontinued beating my wife. I never talk back at a lady. Even when I caught the snail paddling about the kitchen wearing my best summer socks—the green silk ones

that my youngest sent me four years ago, and that I've worn only once—I spoke to her politely about it. But it is hard to remember *Noblesse oblige* under deadly insult such as this Social Swimmer offers. She thanks me for telling—in Monday's *China Mail*—how to spell "exorbitant." I scorn Monday's *China Mail*, and Tuesday's and Wednesday's and all of them save Saturday's. For me the *China Mail* is a weekly paper. Its other issues are beneath notice. I don't suppose many people read them; but everybody reads Saturday's. Then what's this about "exorbitant"? Has some inferior scribe dared to use my sacred name? I turn up Monday's, and after much tedious search—for it is as I said, the paper isn't worth reading when I'm not in it—I found a stupid story dealing with a fraudulent letter about the strike. There was no name to it at all, so I am confronted with the jarring conclusion that this—this alleged lady has dared to think that the style was mine. If I couldn't write better than that I'd quit. It bore all the signs of having been written by the Editor, a man for whom I happen to entertain a violent dislike. He has no sense of literary value. He pays me still the old pre-strike rates, and demands more and more adversaria for it. That article was particular punk, and this—this presumed lady attributes it to My Pen. It is more than flesh and blood and an artistic sensitiveness can be expected to bear. I don't believe she is a lady. I don't believe she has a husband, anyway. This must be her catfish way of getting even with me for agreeing with those people who a month or so ago were saying that her copy was, well, unladylike. If she is not careful I'll tell her how to spell words, I will. For a start, this is the way to spell Hussy. H—u—double a—y. Hussy! There!

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The next Criminal Sessions open on February 27.

Entries for the Tennis Tournament, organised by the Hongkong Cricket Club, close on Wednesday.

The Shanghai *Shunpao* states that losses caused by the seamen's strike will amount to more than \$1,000,000.

A year ago to-morrow the Victoria Ladies' Hockey Club won the ladies' hockey cup by defeating the Hongkong Ladies' Hockey Club.

The highest temperature recorded for any one day last month was 74.2 degrees on the 9th, and the lowest 51.7 degrees on the 20th.

Mr. Jatindranath Datta, a bachelor of medicine and bachelor of surgery of the Calcutta University, has been gazetted a person qualified to practise medicine here.

The ceremony of unveiling the memorial to those members of the Shanghai Club who fell in the Great War will be performed by Sir Everard Fraser, K.C.M.G., on Wednesday at 5.30 p.m.

An advertisement appears in this issue relating to a proposed issue by the Shell Transport and Trading Co., Ltd., of 25,000,000 7 per cent. cumulative second preference shares of £1 each at par.

The rainfall for January at the Botanical Gardens was 1.95 in. on 18 days, at the Matilda Hospital, Mount Kellett, it was 2.13 in. on 14 days, and at the Police Station, Taiipo, it was 1.25 in. on 8 days.

The China Mail S.S. Company's s.s. "China" sails for San Francisco via Shanghai, Japan Ports and Honolulu at daylight on Tuesday, February 14. Passengers are requested to be on board before midnight on Monday.

With a view to reforming China's prisons in preparation for the time when extraterritorial rights will be abolished, the Peking government is sending two deputies to America to make a study of the prison system there. These two deputies have arrived in Shanghai.

The following forthcoming marriages are announced: Mr. H.L. Dennis, solicitor to Miss Bybil Mary Clarke, at St. John's Cathedral on February 24. Mr. J. G. Charlton, engineer of the Indo-China S.N. Co., to Miss Lillian Murray, en route from England by the s.s. "Katsang."

The following officers will be attached to 1/102nd Grenadiers for pay and allowances: Major O. Legitt-Smith, 2/22nd Punjab, detained for Staff College examination; Lieut. E. A. Lees, 2/22nd Punjab, on privilege leave in Hongkong up to 14th April; Captain R. B. Batra, I.M.S., Captain R. B. Khatri, I.M.S., etc.

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"A MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING."

Recently an amalgamation took place between Messrs. Lane Crawford and Company and Messrs. Wiseman Ltd., the effect of the arrangement being that the latter will disappear as a limited liability company and become absorbed by the former. The Hongkong Dairy Farm Ice and Cold Storage Company Ltd. have come into the arrangement now, but we were informed this morning, this does not mean that they are amalgamating in the strict sense of the word, for neither the Dairy Farm Company nor Lane Crawford and Company will lose their identity as limited liability companies. The arrangement, as explained to us is "simply a mutual understanding" full details of which will be announced at an extraordinary general meeting of the Dairy Farm Company's shareholders which is to be held on February 14.

It is urged in support of the arrangement that it will tend to better service for consumers, as pretty well the same individuals are customers of both companies. A Dairy Farm town shop is to be established in the new building which is to be erected on the site of Wiseman's Cafe and there will be cold storage accommodation in the basement. By the arrangement people who deal with both Companies will be able to do their shopping in the same place and at the same time. The Dairy Farm's present main depot at the top of Wyndham Street will continue to be the chief dairy and distributing centre.

AN ORDEAL BY FIRE.

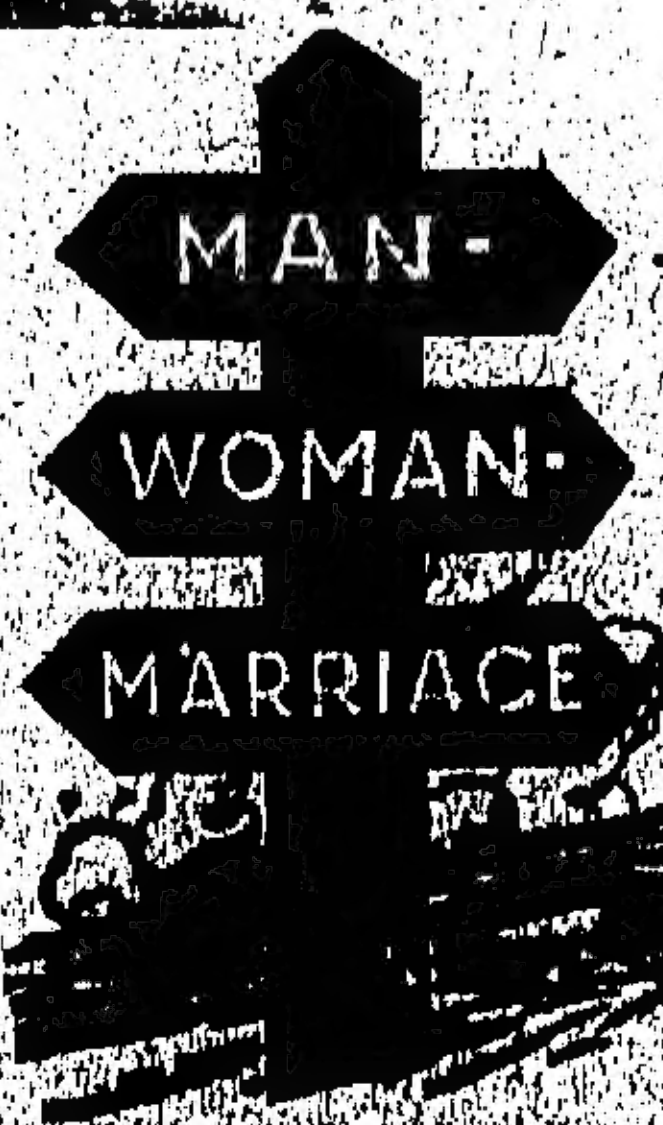
"SIMPLEX" STANDS THE TEST.

The sample "Simplex" structure near old Kowloon City, which was described in a special article in Thursday's *China Mail* emerged successfully from its ordeal by fire yesterday afternoon. Amongst those who went out to inspect it were the Director of Public Works (the Hon. Mr. T. L. Perkins), Messrs J. W. White and H. J. Jackson, of the P.W.D., Mr. G. C. Moss, of the Fire Brigade and Dr. W. W. Pearce, Medical Officer of Health.

The object of the test was to demonstrate the fire-proof qualities of "Simplex" hollow partitions and ceiling. A roasting fire of pine wood and coal was built inside the room and gallons of kerosene were poured on to make it blaze. Crowds of Chinese turned up to see the performance and watched the bonfire with huge delight. Probably the man who enjoyed himself most was the old chap whose job it was to feed the flames with kerosene. Each time the blaze leapt to the roof in response to his stimulating ministrations he chuckled gleefully and then went back for more.

After the fire had been burning furiously for an hour and a temperature that must have been well over 1,000 deg. had been reached the exterior of the building was only just warm. You could put your hand on the wall without discomfort and a small spider seen running about seemed thoroughly to enjoy it. Messrs Jackson and White expressed themselves, as satisfied that no ordinary house fire would be able to spread in a building constructed with "Simplex" ceilings and partitions. As for the Fire Brigade man, he looked quite crestfallen and reproached the "Simplex" people with trying to do him out of a job. The D.P.W. could not stay to see the fire test but he examined the building material very thoroughly and said he thought it was a very fine plaster.

Next week the Sanitary authorities are going to test the truth of the contention that "Simplex" is death on rats.



"VERY FOOLISH"

SANITARY BOARD MESSENGER'S LAPSE.

The head messenger of the Sanitary Board was charged before Magistrate Lindell this morning with the theft of several tins of Phoenix biscuits and Getzbeest sardines from a locker in the general office.

Senior Inspector Lambie said that the biscuits and sardines, several hundreds of tins of which had been seized at a compradore's shop as unfit for consumption, were kept in the locker awaiting examination by the Medical Officer of Health. At the time they were stolen, they had not yet been actually condemned. The defendant had been 15 years in the service of the board and had borne a good character until this lapse.

The defendant, who admitted the theft, said that he had a blind wife and several children to support. He asked for leniency.

The Magistrate: You have been very foolish. You have had 15 years of good service, and now you have lost your job. In view of your long service and previous good character, I shall give you the benefit of a fine of \$25, or in default, 14 days' hard labour.

And her messenger who was charged with the theft of one tin of biscuits and five tins of sardines, was discharged owing to lack of evidence.

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8.—B. F.	Ajax.
13.—P. & O.	Sicilia.
14.—B. F.	Kabinga.
Apr. 10.—B. F.	Anchises.
15.—B. F.	Madison.

FROM JAPAN.

Feb. 12.—B. F.	Calabas.
13.—B. F.	Riponor.
14.—P. & O.	Nagoya.
16.—N.Y.K.	Kitano Maru.
19.—B. F.	Janus.
19.—N.Y.K.	Ginyo Maru.
20.—B. F.	Pyrrhus.
23.—P. & O.	Kochang.
Mar. 4.—E. & A.	Eastern.
13.—P. & O.	Khiva.
13.—B. F.	Olaucus.
19.—B. F.	Telemachus.
20.—B. F.	Mentor.
28.—P. & O.	Devanah.
Apr. 1.—B. F.	Night Templar.
11.—P. & O.	Novara.
17.—B. F.	Rheiss.
19.—B. F.	Antiochus.
24.—B. F.	Teiresias.
26.—P. & O.	Kalyan.
Apr. 9.—P. & O.	Plasy.
23.—P. & O.	Dongola.

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Mar. 10.—B. F.	Talhythine.
21.—B. F.	Tyndareus.
Apr. 23.—B. F.	Protesilaus.
May 18.—B. F.	Ixion.
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FROM CALCUTTA.

Feb. 12.—N.Y.K. Calcutta Maru.

FROM BOMBAY.

Feb. 13.—P. & O.	Danera.
13.—N.Y.K.	Awa Maru.
27.—P. & O.	Sicilia.
Apr. 28.—P. & O.	Soudan.

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Feb. 13.—E. & A. Eastern.

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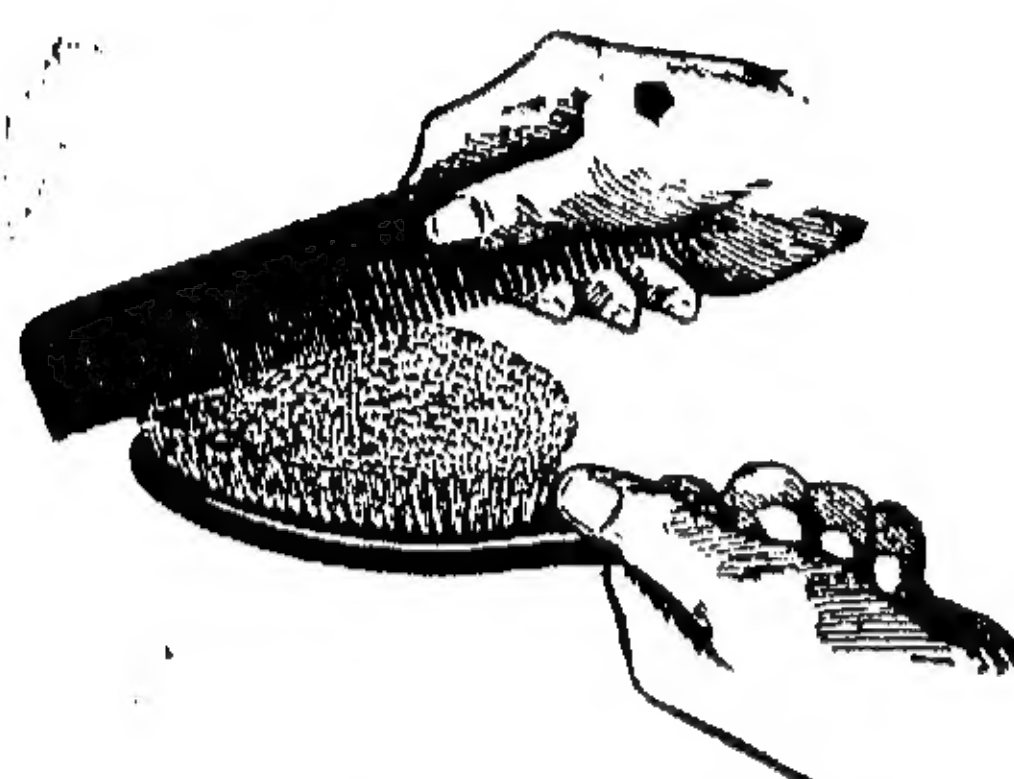
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MOTORIZING MATTERS.

AN INTERESTING SPEECH.

BY AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION
PRESIDENT.

Matters of interest to the Colony's motorists were discussed by the Hon. Mr. C. Mol. Messer, retiring President of the Hongkong Automobile Association, in the course of his speech at the association's fourth annual meeting, held in the Club room, Hongkong Club annexe yesterday afternoon. Between twenty and thirty members were present.

In opening the proceedings the Hon. Mr. Messer said:—"Gentlemen,—Before proceeding with further business I think it fitting to mention that during the last few days the Colony has learnt with deep regret the sad news of the death of our late Governor, Sir Henry May. I am sure all members have the greatest sympathy with Lady May and her daughters in their bereavement. Sir Henry May was early to recognise the important place that the motor vehicle would take in the social and business life of this Colony and it is greatly due to his foresight that we possess the fine motor roads which have opened up, for both resident and tourist, the beautiful scenery of this Island and the New Territories.

Continuing, the Chairman remarked that the membership of 234 was not as large as one could wish. All persons interested in motoring should join as the Association would be more influential the greater its membership. Special credit was due to Mr. Bevington, the hon. secretary, for the energy he had displayed and the time he had given to the duties of the office. It was due to him that the first Year Book of the Club was published. Thanks were also due to Mr. Lambert for his concise memorandum on the "ills of cars and their remedies." It was to be hoped that the Year Book would be the forerunner of many others.

In August, a Club Room was opened as a meeting place and reading room for members. He regretted that the use made of it had been disappointing and it was for the new Committee to decide if the room should be kept on or closed. No solution had yet been reached with regard to a central garage; the high cost and scarcity of suitable sites were very great obstacles.

PROBLEM OF THE CHAUFFEUR.

The chauffeur question had again been prominent; a special meeting had considered the question without much result. It was very doubtful if sufficiently close co-operation could be obtained among members to make them willing to suffer the personal inconvenience that might be necessary to bring about a reduction of wages. It was considered best to leave this question to the operation of the law of supply and demand. Mr. McPherson, of the Y.M.C.A. was approached as to inaugurating a training school for drivers. He had taken great pains in the matter but owing to other considerations was unable to meet the Association's views. The supply of drivers seemed now to be more equal to the demand, and wages showed little signs of increase, in some cases quite the reverse. The sale of explosive cracker bombs, referred to by the President at the last annual meeting, had now been prohibited by law.

TO PREVENT ACCIDENTS.

During the year there had been, unfortunately, several distressing accidents, some fatal. The Chairman expressed the sincere sympathy of all members of the Association with the relatives of those injured. Accidents did not seem to be on the increase, although the number of motor vehicles had risen considerably. For this, best thanks were due to the greater efficiency of the Police traffic control which was gradually lessening the difficulties of driving and diminishing danger to the general public. One would like to see a more

ready compliance with police signals and with speed controls in dangerous places. These remarks applied to certain drivers who had yet to learn the courtesy and mutual regard due to the rights and comfort of other road users.

THE PRICE OF PETROL.

The Committee had failed to obtain any reduction in the price of petrol. In common with kindred associations, they hoped that the mighty corporations that controlled this modern necessity might see their way—while still maintaining a reasonable rate of profit—to reduce its cost; this would mean a largely increased consumption and additional benefits to the community as a whole.

ROAD DEVELOPMENT.

During the year a good deal of work had been done to the roads of the Colony. Strangers frequently commented on the fine roads and the glorious scenery through which they passed. Hill and other roads were gradually being extended and the metalling and tarring of the roads in the New Territories had made, especially in wet weather, a very considerable improvement. In some places, however, notably on the way to Aberdeen and between Un Long and Sheung Shui, the road surface had suffered considerably from the traffic of motor buses, whose weight and vibration the road was not strong enough to resist.

"THE MOTOR AGE."

The expense of motoring was still such as to deter many from taking full advantage of its benefits and enjoyment. He strongly urged all who owned cars to learn to drive them and to obtain some insight into their mechanism and construction. If this were done and a log kept he was confident that repair bills, sundry bills, and ordinary running expenses would materially diminish and the owner would derive an added interest. As time went on it was becoming more and more apparent that the world had entered upon the motor age. At the present moment many of those who had been against making the new motor road to the Peak were wishing that it was completed and would like to see a fleet of motor lorries winding round the corners laden with coal. (Laughter.) The wages of all who carried, pulled or pushed were on the up grade and everything pointed to a very much greater use of motor traction for private and business purposes both on the island of Hongkong and in the growing town still in its infancy on the other side of the harbour. Roads, strong enough to carry heavier weights were necessary; more roads were wanted and greater facilities were required in the way of modern vehicle ferries. (Applause.)

THE LATE SIR HENRY MAY.

After the report and accounts had been adopted, Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher proposed that the association should send a letter expressing sympathy with Lady May in her bereavement. He suggested that the letter should comment specially on the enormous benefit which the roads he planned and foresaw had proved to the Colony generally. He thought it was well known that the motor road to the Peak met with enormous opposition and there were many people who were against the road round the island and even the road round the New Territories both of which were due to Sir Henry May's initiative. Seconded by Mr. Lauritsen, the resolution was carried unanimously.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. F. Bevington, Mr. D. G. M. Bernard was appointed President for the ensuing year.

In proposing the election of Mr. F. Bevington as Vice-President, the chairman expressed appreciation of the hard work put in by him in filling the post of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer during the year. Mr. Bevington's election as Vice-President was unanimously approved. Mr. P. M. Hodgson being appointed to succeed him as Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

The following were appointed members of the new committee:—The

KOWLOON THEATRE.

THREE NOTABLE WEEK-END PICTURES.

A programme rich in variety and enjoyment has been arranged for the Kowloon Theatre during the week end. It begins this evening with "The Blood Barrier," a strong Blackton production featuring Sylvia Breamer and Robert Gordon. Mystery and excitement are powerful elements in this thrilling drama of a man whose conscience guided his heart. In addition to a startling murder "The Blood Barrier" also depicts a triangular romance and a desperate plot to seize valuable dye formulas. A melodrama this, powerful with suspense. To-morrow evening the big attraction is "The Girl in the Web," a fine Pathe feature with Blanche Sweet in the leading role. A drama of a woman falsely accused of stealing jewels and alienating the affections of another woman's husband this is a photoplay replete with fascinating mystery and dramatic surprise. As a social secretary in the home of a rich family, Blanche Sweet was never more convincing, never more charming. On Monday evening the Kowloon Theatre will screen "The Soul of Youth," which comes to the Coronet this evening and on Tuesday it will offer a fancy dress in place of the usual cabaret dance.

SOUL OF YOUTH.

TRUTH STRANGER THAN FICTION.

"The Soul of Youth." Yes, the soul of youth. Nothing after than the title could be found to indicate the essence of this picture which comes to the Coronet Theatre this evening, for it is the very soul of youth. Recounting the adventure of a founding home boy who proves his mettle when his big chance comes, the story offers romance, comedy, and adventure. Discharged as the worst in the home, the boy makes his way in the city streets until fate calls him to take an important part in affairs of the moment. The cast includes not only a number of famous juveniles but also several prominent leading players. As one of the most compelling scenes was taken from real life, "The Soul of Youth" is a picture that proves once more the truth of the old adage that truth is stranger than fiction.

"GABY."

WORLD THEATRE'S BIG PICTURE.

A large crowd at the World Theatre was greatly impressed last night by the splendid new production "Gaby," a film masterpiece adapted from the well-known novel, the "Angel of Forgiveness," with Gaby Delys and Harry Pileor, world famous dancers, as the centre of attraction. Gaby began life in poverty. Harry Pileor (Paul Bernard) on the other hand made a generous Santa Claus to the poor children in his neighbourhood. Paul married Gaby through love at first sight, after their strange meeting at his beautiful house on Christmas eve. Their marriage proved a failure, for Gaby proved a bad wife. Harry Pileor is an uncommonly gifted actor. As the dejected husband of Gaby, he specially excelled. Gaby Delys, too is a fine player. The evil genius of the piece is Laidore Jacobs, a vindictive man who causes Gaby's downfall.

Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird, Messrs. C. D. Lambert, W. E. Roberts, J. McCabbin, W. Bannerman, G. H. Wilson, C. P. Marcel, H. E. Smith, K. C. Lau and A. B. Raworth.

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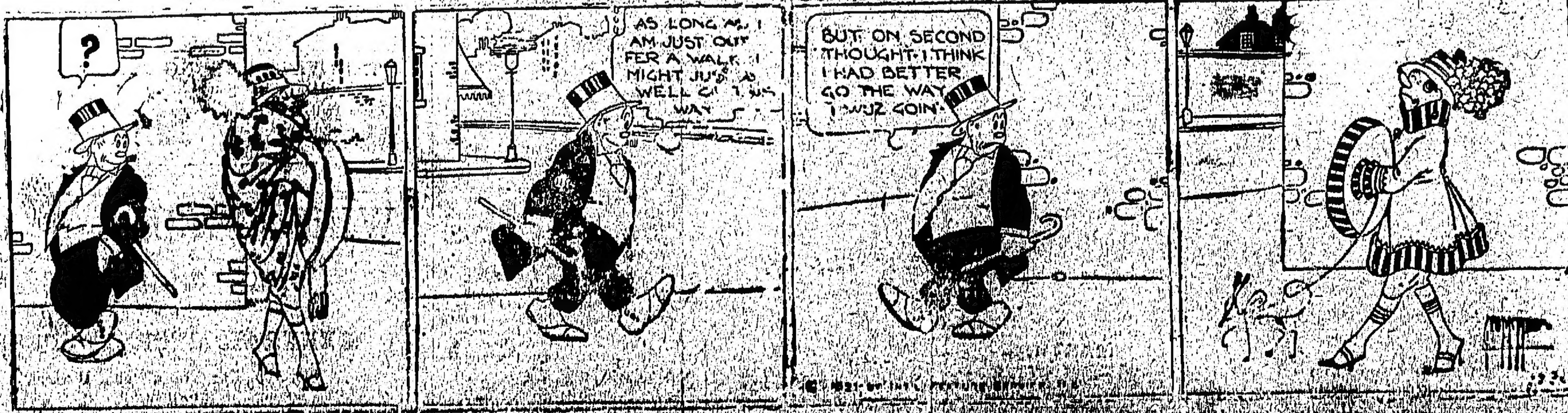
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ENGINEERS' BALL.

ENJOYABLE CITY HALL
FUNCTION.

Mariners usually take good care of their clear of beacons. They know that if they approach too near they may expect something out of the ordinary. Notwithstanding several beacons flashing outside the City Hall last night, many men whose professions bring them into close association with the sea made fearless approach with their guests. They found the extraordinary extra-ordinary welcome, extraordinary enjoyment. For the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders, never slow to prove that while its hall may be the last big one of the season, it is by no means the least, had organised a function rivaling any in its history for complete and spontaneous success. The City Hall as indicated in yesterday's *China Mail*, had been decorated with a skill and artistry lighting the great occasion. Beautiful in daylight, it was enchanting at night. Nothing was too ingenious, nothing too difficult for the electrical engineering brains of the Institution. Illuminations, bunting, and plants had wrought their transformation. The result was a very fairy land of light and colour.

It's an ill wind. The strike so disastrous in its effects on the colony's shipping and trade, made possible a record attendance of seagoing members and friends who would otherwise have been absent with their ships. Altogether, the guests must have numbered little less than a thousand. As usual H.E. the Governor and Lady Stubbs, the Hon. Mr. J. Reid, Major General Sir John Fowler and Lady Rees Davies, Mr. G. T. Edkins and Mrs. A. O. Lang, Surg. Capt. Dalton and Mrs. Dyer, the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn and Lady Fowler, Mr. Justice Gompertz and Mrs. Severn, the Hon. M. A. O. Lang and Mrs. Pollock, Col. Davy and Mrs. Dalton, Mr. R. M. Dyer and Mrs. Grieg.

The catering was in the able hands of the Hongkong Hotel. The menu follows:

Severn, Capt. Ballard and Mrs. Greig, Colonel Davy and Mrs. Dalton, Mr. K. E. Greig and Mrs. A. O. Lang. The programme follows:

Extra One Step Polly.
1. Lancers Amella.
2. One Step Oriental Star.
3. Fox Trot Blue Danube Blues.
4. Eightsome Reel De'il Amang the Tailors.
5. Valse Silver Beach.
6. One Step Dixie.
7. Lancers Casino.
8. SUPER DANCES.
9. Fox Trot Ka-lu a.
10. Valse Wandering Home.
11. One Step One Kiss.
12. Fox Trot My Sunny Tennessee.
13. One Step Ohio.
14. Eightsome Reel Torryburn Lassies.
15. Fox Trot Yoo Hoo.
16. Valse Another Waltz.
17. Fox Trot Pullman Potter Blues.
18. One Step All for you.
19. Fox Trot Wang Wang Blues.
20. Valse Roses at Twilight.
21. One Step El Paso.
22. Fox Trot The Conversation Step.
Extra One Step Florida Moccasin.
The seventh dance over, supper was commenced in the theatre, tables in the pit, stage, and dress circle accommodating large numbers. Soft music was played by the Hongkong Hotel Jazz Band. With the colourful decorations and many gay parties, supper presented an animated scene.

Those at the principal table were: The President (Mr. J. Reid) and Lady Stubbs, H.E. the Governor (Sir R. E. Stubbs) and Mrs. Reid, Major General Sir John Fowler and Lady Rees Davies, Mr. G. T. Edkins and Mrs. A. O. Lang, Surg. Capt. Dalton and Mrs. Dyer, the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn and Lady Fowler, Mr. Justice Gompertz and Mrs. Severn, the Hon. M. A. O. Lang and Mrs. Pollock, Col. Davy and Mrs. Dalton, Mr. R. M. Dyer and Mrs. Grieg.

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9. Roast Saddle of Lamb.
10. Spiced Beef.
11. York Ham.
12. Corned Oxtongue.
13. Galantine of Veal.
14. Chicken Salad.
15. Assorted Salad.
16. Boiled Potatoes.
17. Green Peas.
18. Macédoine of Fruit.
19. Topsy Cake.
20. Compote of Fruits and Custard.
21. Blanc Manger.
22. Strawberry Ice Cream.
23. Vanilla Ice Cream.
24. Assorted Pastries.
25. Coffee.

For those not dancing the commodious verandahs had been comfortably arranged and brightly decorated. On the ground floor there were the usual card and buffet rooms also prettily decorated. The cryptic signs "Crude Oil," "Petrol Department" and "Lubricating and Paint Oils" told their own tale to the knowing ones—who were many. Simplicity and taste were the keynote of the decoration scheme, which was covered in our advance report yesterday.

THE OFFICIALS.
The officials who deserve great credit for the fine success of the function, were as follows:

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Invitation Committee: Messrs. K. E. Greig (convenor), R. Hunter, J. McCubbin, R. M. Dyer and P. T. Farrell.

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Dance Committee: Messrs. A. K. Henderson (convenor), C. C. Nelson, R. J. Wilton, H. McTavish, W. Brown, A. Stalker, J. Patches, T. H. Farthing and J. B. Hamilton.

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Cloak Room Committee: Messrs. R. J. Wilton (convenor), D. B. Bone, T. S. Morrison, D. Lyle and W. Weir. Honorary Secretary, Mr. S. Baker.

OBITUARY.

MR. C. FAREBROTHER MASON.

The local Bar loses yet another member in the death of Mr. Charles Farebrother Mason, M.C., partner of the firm of Messrs. F. X. d'Almada and Mason, solicitors, who passed peacefully away at the French Hospital at Causeway Bay last night, after an illness lasting little over five weeks.

Mr. Mason was admitted to the hospital on December 31 last, suffering from an affection of the heart, which had given him trouble for a considerable time, ever since he returned from the war, in fact. His condition gradually became worse during his stay at the hospital, and for the last two weeks no hope was entertained of his recovery. Death claimed him at 8.30 last night.

Mr. Mason was only 35 years of age, with an excellent career before him. A native of Louth, Lincolnshire, he came to Hongkong in 1912 to join the firm of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, and left at the end of the following year to join Mr. d'Almada, whose partner he later became. When war broke out, Mr. Mason joined the Hongkong Police Reserve, and later went to the front as a 2nd Lieut. in the Machine Gun Corps. He was wounded and badly gassed in France, and for gallantry in the field, was awarded the Military Cross.

Mr. Mason was a keen sportsman and was particularly fond of shooting, tennis and golf. He was unmarried. Sympathy will be felt for his parents and two sisters at Louth, his brother-in-law, Mr. F. X. d'Almada who has lost a friend and colleague.

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SPORT.

LADIES HOCKEY.

The Hongkong Ladies Hockey Club, "A" and "B" teams, will meet at 3 p.m. to-day at Happy Valley, when the second of three matches will be played for Team Cups presented by Mrs. Follock.

"A" team will be represented by the following: Curtis; Rosebud Young, Hyde; Esmee Cornell, Hansen, Weill; Frost, Hughes, Clara Frost, Woolley and V. Young.

"B" team: E. Woolley; Enid Cornell, Ramsey, Davis, Ruby Young, Tolan; Jennings, Brock, Gerrard, Angus and Dunn.

Reserves: Packham and Herridge.

CRICKET.

The following teams will represent the H.K.C.C. to-day at times and grounds as below:—

1st XI v. Navy (A) on Club ground at 2 p.m.—T. E. Pearce (Capt.), Major Edwards, Major Wright, Lieut. E. L. Leader, E. J. R. Mitchell, C. Blaker, L. J. Davies, F. H. Farthing, E. G. Lammert, G. H. Piercy and M. D. C. Sandberg.

2nd XI v. R.A.M.C. at Happy Valley at 2.15 p.m.—L. D. McNicoll (Capt.), H. H. Benson, B. D. C. Morgan, A. S. Exell, H. E. Hollands, W. W. Mackenzie, W. J. Hope, M. M. Watson, W. Fraser, J. R. Way and G. M. Dorkins.

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The hull has a cellular double bottom throughout its length, subdivided to form twelve tanks; seven being for water ballast or oil fuel, two for drinking water and three for boiler feed water. The hold abaft the engine room is constructed for cargo or water ballast, and the fore and aft peak tanks are also for water ballast. The hull is subdivided into ten compartments by means of nine watertight bulkheads carried to the upper deck, there being six cargo holds, three forward and three aft of the machinery space.

The engine room and boiler room are in separate watertight compartments. Particular care had been taken for the comfort of passengers in the design, decoration, furnishing, and embellishments throughout the accommodation. There is equipment for accommodating 216 first-class and 60 second-class passengers.

giers. Cabins on the promenade deck are fitted with single and double beds and the bedstead cabins are on the bridge and the upper decks.

The lifeboats have davits fitted with plant turning gear to ensure easy and quick putting out of boats. Safety of life is further ensured by Stone's system of instantaneously closing watertight doors for sealing up any compartment which might become damaged at sea; these doors are operated by hydraulic power and controlled from the navigating bridge. In short, all the latest rules and appliances are adopted and ample space given for all on board.

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LOOKING FORWARD TO
EASTER.

The Church very early begins to look forward to Easter: to morrow is Septuagesima Sunday. Quinquagesima is exactly fifty days inclusive before Easter Sunday and Sexagesima and Septuagesima are so called from the next round numbers, sixtieth and seventieth. These three Sundays exhort us to begin thinking about our preparation for the great Fast of Lent.

Temperance is the keynote of the Epistle. St Paul says that he who runs in a race must be willing to subdue the body so that it does not impede his progress. Disciplined and controlled bodies will be like windows through which our spirits can shine. Temperate in all things; in food, in drink, in rest, in pleasure, and even in affection. None of these things are wrong in themselves, until they begin to engross the soul to the exclusion of God; then they become sinful. The end of the race is union with Christ, therefore we must refuse the body anything that can weaken or delay this union. In this life only must our bodies be in subjection. They are saved in dishonour but they will be raised in glory.

The Parable of the Vineyard in to-morrow's Gospel is at first sight difficult to understand. Like the labourers who had worked all day, we too feel that it did not seem quite fair to pay them the same wages as those who worked for much less time. But the first thing to notice is, that the labourers who came late were not idle from choice but because no man had hired them. Then, when we begin to interpret this parable, the difficulties disappear. The Vineyard is of course God's Kingdom on earth, and we do not labour in it for our own benefit but for God's sake—we are fellow workers with Christ. Early in the morning the Apostles were called to work, and they with the first Christians have indeed borne the burden and heat of the day in persecutions and martyrdoms. What are the wages that the Master gives? The Bread of Life: He cannot give more. He does not give less. He gives Himself. Yet there are some that murmur, and He turns to them and to us when we are jealous and desirous of praise, when we are not giving disinterested service, and rebukes us by saying, "Is it not lawful for Me to do what I will with Mine own?" Is thine eye evil because I am good?"

The 14th of February as everyone knows is the Feast of St. Valentine. The custom still prevails of sending love letters anonymously on this day, but it really has nothing to do with Valentine himself and can be traced back to pagan origin. St. Valentine lived in the first century. He was a Roman Bishop who assisted the martyrs during the reign of the Emperor Claudius II. So, he was put in the charge of an officer, and having restored the sight of this man's adopted daughter, preached Christianity to him and his whole family who became converted and were baptised. Hearing of this Claudius II was so angry that he ordered Valentine to be beaten with clubs and afterwards beheaded.

The Diocesan Synod of the Catholic Church of China was held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week at Canton under the chairmanship of the Bishop of Victoria. All clergy are allowed to go to this Synod but only those who subscribe to the Canons of the Church of China have power to vote.

As we have had a Diocesan Synod being held at Canton this week it is interesting to know what a Synod really is. Synods in English dioceses have been allowed to lapse in the past, but in late years there has been a distinct tendency to revive them, and impetus was given to this especially at the Lambeth Conference when it was resolved that "it is important to the cause of reunion that every branch of the Anglican Communion should develop the constitutional government of the Church," a phrase which naturally covers the restoration of the Diocesan Synod.

The S.P.C.K. has helped us by publishing a little sixpenny book entitled *The Diocesan Synod in the Church of England*, which is really the report of a strong committee of men (such as Dr. Brightman and Dr. Darwell Stone) appointed by the Bishop of Oxford. Briefly the book recommends the Bishop to assemble a synod of all clergy not less often than once in three years. For questions which concern the laity, the layfolk should be present so that what is resolved should be by the advice of the clergy with the approval of the laity.

Dr. Wace, the Dean of Canterbury celebrated his eighty fifth birthday recently and on the occasion was pre-

sented with the freedom of Canterbury by his fellow citizens. He has the reputation of being an ecclesiastic of most decided opinions, and has spent a life of fighting in support of his cherished tenets. The Primate lately in a speech characterised him in these words, "He is the last to expect us to see eye to eye with him in everything. Indeed, I think he would be rather disappointed if we did."

It is understood that the Archbishop of York is about to resign his position as Chairman of the C.E.M.S. owing to pressure of other business.

Our English architecture is not used to the extreme heat which was experienced last summer at home, and not a few buildings have become seriously affected by warping due to dryness. The tower of Southwark Cathedral is an example of this: the woodwork has been declared unsafe and for the first time for 185 years the bells were silent on Christmas Day and New Year's Eve.

As years go by and churchmen all over the world struggle with the problem of how to get good congregational music, it becomes more and more apparent that simpler music is required. So many people have been misled by the idea that to gain good music one must have difficult music. This is not the case at all, and some of our most beautiful old English music is simple enough for anyone to sing and understand.

The introduction of plainsong is declared by many to be the remedy we require, and musical directors everywhere are making their acquaintance with it. Of course most organists do not like it for it gives them no chance for fantastic display, and most of the older generation do not like it at first because it is so entirely different from the high soprano melodies they were used to learning in childhood, but in spite of this the old plainsong is returning to our services, where it had its place in past ages. Mr. J. B. Crot, who used to be priest-organist of St. Matthew's Westminster, has just published another work of the subject called "Practical Plainsong," which may be regarded as a plea for the restoration of the ancient music of the Church, with an instruction on the means of rendering it. This is by no means the only book, and perhaps not the best book on the subject, but it is the latest.

Without having to resort to American methods, England seems to be reforming herself with regard to the drink question. According to reliable figures collected by Sir A. Holbrook, M. P., there were nearly fifty thousand convictions for drunkenness in greater London during 1913, but this went down to twenty five thousand in 1920 and twenty one thousand in 1921. In other towns there is a proportional decrease with the exception of Carlisle. It is curious to note that Carlisle is the one town under State supervision, being selected for an experiment in so called temperance methods. This is at assurance for the majority of churchmen who hold that all good things are meant for us to enjoy but that we must be temperate in all things.

It is time something was done to condemn the American industry of conferring elaborate degrees on anyone willing to spend the requisite number of dollars. It no longer requires years of toil to be able to append letters to one's name, and many foolish people have availed themselves of degrees made easy. Clergy, amongst others, frequently receive wonderful literature from the States which shows how one may become a D. D. without the irksome research work which was and is still required by the old-fashioned schools of learning. Recently a schoolboy in Hongkong was offered a degree by an American "University" or "Institute" if he would be kind enough to forward the fee. "Truth," in the issue of Dec. 14, says of a certain "University" that it seems to possess a good many advantages over other Universities, the chief being that the fear of failure is entirely dispelled and success guaranteed. No residence is required in the cases quoted, and the fees from first to last amount to less than ten pounds. A wide choice of really handsome hoods is also offered.

The Yamashita Kisen Kaisha, which invaded the European shipping route in August of last year, now runs ten vessels inclusive of four or five vessels chartered from the Toyo Kisen Kaisha from this year. The freight rate, as adopted by the companies in the Conference is Y18 per ton (American), while the Yamashita Kisen Kaisha charges Y15 per ton (English). It is believed that there will be war to the knife between the Conference and the invaders in the future.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE HAGUE, February 10th.
In the Second Chamber, the Foreign Minister dealing with the Pacific Treaty, said that the confidence which had been inspired in Holland by statements in the Parliaments of the various Powers that they would respect the rights of the Netherlands regarding Dutch possessions in the Pacific had been justified by the convention signed at Washington.

LONDON, February 10th.
The Universities Bureau of the British Empire ~~has~~ shows that there are 4,650 overseas students in universities and university colleges in the United Kingdom, of which 143 are from China, 1,200 from India, Burma and Ceylon, and 43 from Japan.

WASHINGTON, February 10th.
President Harding has signed the
Allied Debt Refunding Bill.

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SEAMEN'S STRIKE.

DELEGATES FROM CANTON.

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Though nobody could be discovered this morning who had actually set eyes on the party it is believed that the seamen's delegates have arrived in Hongkong from Canton. The Secretary for Chinese Affairs (the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax), when approached on the subject, said they had not got into touch with him yet but it was common knowledge that they were actually here. He indicated that at the moment there was nothing fresh to report.

Mr. M. K. Lo, who has acted as the men's legal representative, saw Mr. Hallifax during the morning. He explained subsequently that he had received a certain communication from Canton which he had thought might usefully be passed on to the S.C.A. He had not seen anything of the delegates but thought that they must be down here.

There is a generally hopeful feeling that the week-end will see the settlement of the dispute brought a great deal nearer. This morning the number of ships in harbour reached the high water mark of 170, the tonnage represented being 263,973.

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- (c). Chant d'automne
- (d). Meditation
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- ARENSKY, (1862-1906).
- 3.—(a). Etude F sharp major
- (b). Etude G flat major.
- GLAZOUNOV, (born 1865).
- 4.—(a). Variations op. 72
- (b). Gavotte.
- LIADOV, (1855-1915).
- 5.—(a). Etude F major
- (b). The musical snuff box.
- BACHMANINOV, (born 1863).
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"THE BLOOD BARBER."

To-morrow, Sunday.

"THE GIRL IN THE WEB"

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